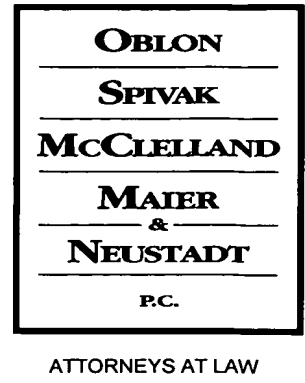




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In response to the non-final office action mailed January 20, 2004, applicant provides the following remarks traversing the outstanding grounds for rejection.

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in view of the following discussion, is respectfully requested:

Claims 14-21 are pending.

In the outstanding office action, claims 14-21 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, ¶ 1, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The outstanding office action states that the claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time of the application, had possession of the claimed invention. In response, applicant